

output a binary player input signal which changes state upon activation of said data input switch by a player at the corresponding said player station;

a plurality of communication lines, each said communication line connected to a corresponding said data input switch and configured to convey the player input signals thereof; and

an interface assembly in operative communication with said keyboard port and with a plurality of said communication lines, said interface assembly including an interface processor device configured to receive said player input signals carried by said communication lines and to output digital interface signals to said keyboard port, said interface signals corresponding to particular said data input devices,

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wherein each said player station includes a currency acceptor configured to accept currency from a player at the corresponding player station for wagering purposes and to output a currency input signal corresponding to an amount of currency accepted and wherein said interface assembly is configured to receive said currency input signals and to output corresponding currency output signals to said game processor device for execution of said video card gaming program responsively to data carried by said currency output signals.

REMARKS

Claim 32 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Claims 14, 16 - 23, 25 - 27, 29 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103

as set forth on pages 2 - 3 of the Office Action. To expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicant has canceled claims 14, 16 - 19, 21 - 23, 25 - 27 and 32. Applicant submits, however, that these claims are allowable over the Brasington reference and reserves the right to file a continuation application including these claims. Claims 20 and 29 were canceled by the amendment filed on October 24.

Claims 30 - 31 and 33 have been allowed. Claims 15, 24 and 28 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant has amended claims 15, 24 and 28 to incorporate the subject matter of the independent claims upon which they depended. Thus, these claims should be allowable.

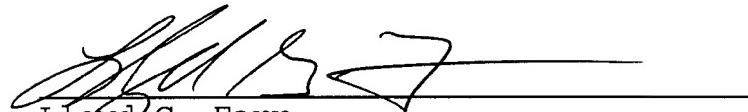
Applicant is in the process of preparing formal drawings, which will be submitted in due course.

Applicant has not received an initialed copy of the Form 1449, which was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement dated May 31, 1996, and respectfully requests that the Examiner acknowledge whether the reference cited in that IDS has been considered.

Applicant submits that, with the present amendment, the application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable action is, therefore, respectfully requested. Particularly, in light of the indication of allowable subject matter, the Examiner is invited to the call the undersigned at his convenience to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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